

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0184

**Title:** Authorize lifetime concealed weapon permits

**Primary Sponsor:** Butcher, E

**Status:** As Introduced

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Sponsor signature Date

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2004</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There is no fiscal impact.

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. The Federal Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Bureau approved Montana's concealed weapon permits as an alternative to Brady checks. While persons not holding a concealed weapon permit must undergo a Brady background check every time they purchase a firearm, those individuals holding a valid Montana concealed weapon permit are waived from the Brady check requirement when purchasing firearms in Montana. This waiver was granted under 18 U.S.C. § 922(t)(3) which requires:
  - a) The permit was issued within the past five years and has not expired; or b) the permit was issued on or after November 30, 1998 and a NICS check was conducted as part of the background investigation. (NICS, National Instant Check System, was established to satisfy the Brady check requirement.)
2. SB 184 extends the MT concealed weapon permit renewal from four years to the lifetime of the holder. Once issued, the lifetime permit does not provide any additional opportunities for law enforcement to run a NICS check against the permit holder to verify if the permit holder still meets the requirements enumerated in 45-8-321,MCA. (The current renewal process includes a new NICS check every four years when the concealed weapons permit is being reissued).